

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cushion for an air bag system, the air bag system including a cushion expanded to the front of a passenger by means of gas discharged from an inflator when a collision of the vehicle occurs for absorbing shock transmitted to the passenger, wherein the cushion comprises:

a main panel having an inlet part formed at one side thereof for allowing the gas discharged from the inflator to be introduced into the cushion therethrough;

side panels attached to both open sides of the main panel by means of sewing, respectively; and

a tether having one end fixed to the inlet part of the main panel by means of sewing and the other end fixed to the inner side of the panel opposite to the inlet part of the main panel while not intersecting with the parts where the main panel and the side panels are sewn.

2. The cushion as set forth in claim 1, wherein one end of the tether is fixed to the main panel so that the tether forms the inlet part together with the main panel.

3. The cushion as set forth in claim 2, wherein the tether is sewn to a first sewing part sewing the main panel and the side panels at both sides of one end thereof, and

wherein a second sewing part sewing the end of the tether to the main panel is formed such that the first and second sewing parts intersect each other.

5           4. The cushion as set forth in claim 3, wherein the tether has notches formed at both sides of one end thereof where the second sewing part is formed.

10           5. The cushion as set forth in claim 4, wherein the notches are formed at both sides of one end of the tether with steps such that the width of the tether is reduced.

15           6. The cushion as set forth in claim 5, wherein the end of the tether is disposed between the parts where the first and second sewing parts intersect each other.

20           7. The cushion as set forth in claim 6, wherein each of the notches has a groove formed so that the parts where the first and second sewing parts intersect each other are placed at the inside thereof.

          8. The cushion as set forth in claim 7, wherein the notches are formed with L-shaped steps.

25           9. The cushion as set forth in claim 8, wherein the

stepped parts are rounded.

10. The cushion as set forth in claim 9, wherein the  
tether has wing parts formed at both sides of one end of the  
5 tether such that the wing parts cover the first sewing part 58  
at the inlet part.